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## PEACE OF EUROPE.

It is Threatened by the German Emperor.

## HIS HATRED OF THE FRENCH.

The Reichstag Divided in Its Support of the Warlike Feeling of the Kaiser.

Germany Not Prepared for War at the Present Time—Other Foreign News.

LONDON, March 9.—The latest advices from Berlin leave no doubt that the situation between France and Germany is more difficult than even a week ago, and would be more menacing to the peace of Europe but for the parliamentary restraint upon the actions of the emperor. The warlike feelings of the kaiser are not shared by any considerable number of his subjects, and many members of the reichstag who have heretofore given the government almost unanimous support, are determined to show him that they and the country are in favor of peace. Hence the opposition, entirely unexpected by the government, to the proposed extraordinary expenditures for naval purposes.

It is stated that, at a meeting held on Wednesday, the members of the so-called Catholic party resolved that they could not support any measures going to increase the burdens of the empire for naval and military objects, or encouraging a hostile attitude toward other European nations. The result was that the chancellor, for the first time, found his plan blocked in the reichstag, and was compelled to evade by a compromise the rebuke that a vote of refection would have conveyed. The contest outside of court and high military circles is an overwhelming sentiment for peace. The wealth of Germany is mostly in the hands of a numerous middle class, who do not wish their wealth disturbed by war.

Another reason is a prevalent distrust in the ability of the young kaiser to conduct a war successfully. Besides, under the universal military system, nearly every family has a relative in the ranks, and wants to see that relative at home again. The week's experience must have taught the kaiser that German feeling will not sustain him in a harsh policy toward the French. Under peace the material interests of Germany are making wonderful progress, figures just issued showing that in the development of her railways Germany has surpassed England, and the position is still being improved upon.

War at present would be entered upon by Germany under most unfavorable circumstances. There is no doubt according to Vienna, that the visit of the Archduke Ferdinand to Russia was a political as well as a social success, and there is no doubt that the kaiser's approach to France, which have received such humiliating repulse, were inspired by a desire to offset the friendly intercourse between Russia and Austria. As it is, Germany stands alone in Europe notwithstanding the triple alliance. Italy and France are coming together. Russia and Austria have shaken hands, and the friendship of England is valuable only in a negative way. Any active interference by Lord Balfour in a European quarrel, unless England's possessions we are actually trespassed upon, would hasten the kaiser down the Rhine. Hardly a day passes now in parliament without an attempt on the part of the Liberals to entrap the government into an aggressive purpose in Europe or North Africa.

**Bismarck in the Reichstag.**

LONDON, March 9.—Berlin dispatches state that Bismarck's presence in the reichstag is confidently anticipated. The London Times frankly advised the prince, in a recent article, to enter the reichstag if he wished to express his opinion on affairs of state instead of using the columns of newspapers which he is supposed to control, but for whose utterances he does not assume entire responsibility. The prince, it is said, now seriously considers the acceptance of the late offer made to him for goestemende in Hanover, and it is expected that he will accept it. The Bismarckian policy is evidently regaining something of its strength in Germany, and the prince could not enter the reichstag at a more favorable time for him.

**Ex-Empress Eugenia.**

LONDON, March 9.—The ex-Empress Eugenia is reported to be in a very bad condition, physically, and little more than a wreck mentally. There is no allegation of insanity but her unfriendly reception in Paris, when she was at her first mistake for the Empress Frederick, an afterward insulted as soon as her identity became known, was a great shock to her. She has lost all traces of her former attractions and has a case even to cover the ravages of time with cosmetics. To the better class of a Frenchman she is an object of pity, if not sympathy, but the mob would lose an opportunity to show their hatred.

**Collision of Passenger Trains.**

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**SHOT BY A BURGLAR.**

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Mrs. Armstrong's daughter, Eliza, appeared on the scene and Storrs fled at the building taking effect in the cabin. He then fled from the house. The daughter, badly wounded as she was, ran a long distance in her night clothes for a physician and the police. The police arrested Storrs about an hour and a half afterwards. The people are much excited over the affair, and a bitter feeling reigns. The police are much excited over the affair, and a bitter feeling reigns. The police are much excited over the affair, and a bitter feeling reigns. The police are much excited over the affair, and a bitter feeling reigns.

**Heavy Storms in North England.**

LONDON, March 9.—Terrible weather prevails in the north of England. The snow is from six to fifteen inches deep in many places, and the seas are running so high along the coast that many wrecks are feared. Heavy winds prevail, and the storm has seldom been

passed in severity at this time of the year.

### Victory for French Soldiers.

PARIS, March 9.—The French Senegal expedition has won another victory on the Niger with relative troops and French officers. The natives were beaten with a loss of 600 killed and wounded, including the chief. The French lost eleven killed and many wounded.

### Wreck.

One Person Killed and Several Others Injured Near Havanna, 10.

JACKSONVILLE, Ill., March 9.—A terrible railroad wreck occurred Sunday morning on the Jacksonville Southwestern, which resulted in the total destruction of all the cars by fire, the smashing of the engine, the loss of one life outright and the serious injury of several persons.

The southbound express due here at 4 a.m. was nearing Havanna, when a broken rail derailed the entire train, which consisted of a baggage and express car, smoker, chair car and two sleepers. As soon as the engine struck the defective rail it careened into the ditch and the baggage car was piled on top of the tender. Fire from the engineer's stove in the car at once set fire to the latter and it was speedily consumed.

The baggage man by some means managed to get out without being seriously injured and he at once went to work rescuing the others. He found the express messenger pinned fast under a heavy box and with a superhuman effort extricated him, but the poor fellow had lost his left foot. Others who were not hurt at once went to work looking after the passengers.

The chair car was set on fire by the patent heater and the flame communicated with the sleepers and all were consumed.

The body of Miss Ellen Woods, whose remains were brought here from Chicago for burial, was consumed.

Irishman James X. Sadle was caught in the wreck of the baggage car and the tender and was burned to a cinder.

Frank Birkhead, the engineer, was found and saved, though his left arm and leg were broken.

The others serio-sly injured are:

Mrs. Martin, bruised about the head, C. L. Hedges, of Decatur, bruised and scalded.

Charles Mahoney, of Streeter, badly bruised and scalded, recovery doubtful.

Walter Conover, of Milwaukee, left arm torn from socket and badly injured.

Frank P. Lewis, of Peoria, badly bruised and burned.

John Bates, express messenger, left leg broken; otherwise bruised and burned slightly.

James A. Campbell, of St. Louis, left leg badly bruised and otherwise shaken up.

William Plowman, of Virden, badly bruised and scalded.

A train with surgeons was sent from this place, and every effort was made for the comfort of the sufferers.

### Wrecked by a Wreck Train.

PITTSBURG, March 9.—A special to the Leader from Scottsdale, Pa., says: A bad wreck occurred on the southwest railroad yesterday. The Fairchance express and a wreck train ran together at Moyer station, near here, causing a terrible smashup. The passenger engine ran almost through the rear end of the other train. The express was nearly filled with passengers, but all of them escaped serious injury save two; the injured are: William Zeller, baggage master, face lacerated; John M. Leckrone, had his wrists sprained and was severely cut up; William Bittleborn, a passenger, was seriously cut on the head. When the crash came the passengers rushed for the door, but nobody was seriously hurt in the jam.

### A Misplaced Switch.

PITTSBURG, March 9.—A special to the Leader from Scottsdale, Pa., says: A singular accident occurred on the Southwest railroad yesterday morning. The Pope's Run accommodation which leaves this place at 6 o'clock a.m. was derailed near Connellsville station, by a misplaced switch. It was running swiftly, and when derailed it ran into a dwelling house near by. The engine entered the lower department and penetrated it as far as the dome. It demolished everything in its course. The inmates of the residence escaped, and the engine stopped alongside a cradle where a baby was sleeping. It was unharmed.

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### The Weather.

Rainy; cooler weather; southerly winds

## SOUTH AMERICA.

### Some Interesting Information From That Country.

### SEVERAL SUBJECTS TREATED.

#### Controversy Between Venezuela and British Guiana Over the Boundary Line.

An American Granted Great Concessions From the Paraguayan Government—Railroad Building.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—The state department bureau of American republics has just received the following interesting news relating to South American matters:

The International Arbitration and Peace Association of Great Britain have taken active steps to bring the controversy over the boundary line of Venezuela and British Guiana to the notice of parliament, with a view to compelling the British government to submit the questions at issue to arbitration, but before the details were arranged there was a change of government and since then Lord Salisbury has contented himself with the possession of the disputed territory and has declined all propositions to arbitrate. The development of the gold mines in the disputed country is very rapid, and the immigration movement, especially from England, Scotland and Wales, is active.

Gen. Thomas O. Osborne, formerly of

Chicago, and for twelve years United States minister to the Argentine Republic, received a concession from the Paraguayan government two years ago, for the construction of a railway from the northern provinces of that republic to the boundary of Bolivia. Recent dispatches from Paraguay announce that the surveys have been completed, the contracts let, and the work will be fully under way by the first of next month.

The government of the republic of Colombia intends to imitate the Argentine by importing teachers for the public and model schools from the United States. The minister of education has been authorized to make contracts.

The new railway between Port Limon, the Atlantic port of Costa Rica and San Jose, the capital, is now in active operation, and a concession has been granted for its extension to the shores of Lake Nicaragua, for which the line is now being surveyed. The total length of the road is 125 miles. A fine pier has been erected at Port Limon 750 feet in length, which is capable of accommodating the largest ocean steamers alongside. The great advantage which will be derived from the completion of this railroad may be estimated, when it is now known, that the rate of freight upon a ton of merchandise or coffee, between Europe and Costa Rica, which by the old route was \$45, now will be \$75. The railway company has been granted large tracts of land, which will very shortly open to settlement under favorable circumstances.

What is known as the Barquisimeto

line of railroad in Venezuela, extending

from the city of that name to LaLuz.

The express and a mail train

was formally opened by the president

and is now in operation.

Barquisimeto is the third city of the

republic, the capital of the province of

Lara, and has a population of 32,000.

It lies about one hundred miles from

the coast, in a position which com-

mands the commercial highways of the

interior, and vast agricultural plains.

The new railway will serve as a power-

ful stimulant to agricultural and com-

mercial enterprises, as the products of

the interior, coffee, hides, sugar, rum

and other goods, have heretofore

reached market only by means of

cars and pack mules.

A private letter received in Wash-

ington from Bogota, Colombia, an-

nounces the probable appointment of

Dr. Carlos Martinez Silva, of that city,

as commissioner from the republic of

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GEN. BOOTH says beer is a good beverage "it used as the Germans use it." That may be all right, but the General should be more specific, and state what way the Germans use it—whether a quart, gallon or keg per day.

REPRESENTATIVE REEVES, of Ashtabula county, proposes to introduce a bill in the legislature making it a misdemeanor to tell tortures. He says that much domestic trouble is caused from these meddlesome fortune tellers. If Reeves would incorporate in his bill a section to curb the wild, untamed and omnipresent social tattlers, he would be doing the public a great service.

There has been some fear that Cleveland is to open her arms to A. Worthy, the defaulting city treasurer who ran away with \$100,000 of the people's money. The proposition to allow him to return is another bit of morbid sentimentality that encourages high-toned and high-priced thievery. There is too much of this already, and it sets the standard of dishonesty high for those who would do wrong with the hope of escaping punishment.

The most satisfactory plan of disposing of the direct tax fund appears to be the one proposed by State Auditor Poe, to distribute the \$1,300,000 received from the national government to the counties of the state. The amount due to the several counties has been ascertained, and if refunded would go a great way toward lessening the tax burdens of the people. Should the division be made Marion county will receive its apportionment \$948.16.

### SLAUGHTERING SALE

Selling Out at Cost at the U. S. Auction Syndicate.

Cups and Saucers 30 and 35c per set  
Seven inch dinner plates, 30c.  
Pie plates, 20c.  
One 50-piece decorated dinner set, \$3.25.

One decorated chamber set, \$3.25.  
Chambers, 35c.  
Thread, 2c per spool.  
Lot of child's hose, 5c per pair.  
Dress buttons, all kinds, 4c.  
Lamp chimneys, 4c.

Two-quart covered buckets, 6c.  
Three-quart covered buckets, 9c.  
Four-quart, " 11c.  
Fourteen-quart buckets, 18c.  
Twelve-quart buckets, 15c.  
German gimp bits, 3c.  
Double end saw files, 5c.  
Chisels at cost.

Toothpicks, 3c per box.  
Stove polish, 6cakes for 10c.  
Rubber tip lead pencils, 1c.  
Glass tumblers, 5c per dozen.  
Dinner sets, 25c per set.  
Cups and Saucers.

Also a few pieces of fine bronze vases, which will be sold for much less than cost.

Matches and carpet tacks, 1c per box.

Come and secure some of our bargains before it is too late.

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205. Columbus, O.

### Take Notice!

All persons indebted to Marion Cemetery for lot work, etc., are requested to call and settle before April 1st. You can pay Mr. Wilson at cemetery or at H. C. Holberman & Co.'s drug store. These small bills must be paid or there will be no more work done on such bills until these bills are settled.

Upper Sandusky Union: Paul Bruns is arranging the music for the Marion Elks' minstrel entertainment to be given next Wednesday and Thursday evenings. They must have some excellent singers there as the music being arranged is a note higher than the original. A number of the Elks from this city will be in attendance the first night.

The ladies have organized a symposium Club, and will have three days each week at the Athletic Club Association rooms.

Hood's Sarsaparilla has the largest sale of any medicine before the public. Any honest druggist will confirm this statement.

Charles Inskip was home over Sunday.

Joe Osborn, of Prospect, was in the city today.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Byers, in the Second ward, Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Layton L. Noll leave for Springfield this week, where they expect to make their future home.

Fred Peters is home from Cincinnati, where he has been attending school.

The ticket sales for the Elks' benefit were unusually large. Tristram C. Young's being crowded for over an hour with people waiting their turn at the plat. The financial success of the entertainment is assured.

Jacob Nelling died at the home of his parents in Upper Sandusky Friday, March 6th, after a long siege with consumption, which was the result of typhoid fever. Jake was well known to a great many people here, whose acquaintance he made while in the employ of Loeffler & Bland.

The case of Samuel Bell against S. C. Ladd and others, commissioners, was settled today while in course of trial by defendants agreeing to pay plaintiff \$25 and the costs. This is one brought by plaintiff on a claim for work performed while he was surveyor. It has been on the docket for some time.

The Melville Sisters closed one of the most successful dramatic engagements at Music Hall Saturday night of any company that has ever appeared in this city. The house was jammed Saturday night with an enthusiastic audience, but the play was not up to the standard of the company's previous performances. The Melvilles will always be welcomed back to Marion. They left Sunday for Mansfield, where they play a return engagement.

Additional Items.  
Mr. C. F. Dennis, who is married, 1 hour. Is it any fault of his? How do you and your wife get along together?

Donald C. Still, your reverence. Oh, think we're going along just together when we're apart.

Boston Courier.

Where There's a Will There's a Way.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Dennis.

# CORRUPT LITERATURE.

DR. TALMAGE PREACHES A RINGING SERMON ON A CRYING EVIL.

Young and Old Are Being Mentally, Morally and Physically Infected by Pernicious Books—The Wrong Must Be Righted—How to Do It.

NEW YORK, March 8.—The plague of pernicious literature forced the subject of Dr. Talmage's sermon today, which was the third of the series he is preaching on the "Ten Plagues of the Cities." The Brooklyn Academy of Music was filled in the morning by a dense crowd eager to hear it, and at light at The Christian Herald service, in the New York Academy of Music, the doors had to be closed long before the hour of service, there being no space available within the building for more hearers. So large is the number of those every week disappointed of gaining admission that the project of hiring the Madison Square Garden has again been revived. One citizen has offered to pay all the expenses if the Garden can be secured and Dr. Talmage can be induced to preach in it. The text of the preacher's discourse was taken from Ex. viii, 6, 7. "And the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt. And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt."

There is almost a universal aversion to frogs, and yet with the Egyptian they were honored, they were sacred, and they were objects of worship while alive, and after death they were embalmed, and today their remains may be found among the sepulchers of Thebes. These creatures, so attractive once to the Egyptians, at divine best became obnoxious and loathsome, and they went croaking and hopping and leaping into the palace of the king, and into the bread trays and the couches of the people, and even the ovens, which now are uplifted above the earth and on the side of the chimneys, but then were small holes in the earth with sunken pottery, were filled with frogs when the housekeepers came to look at them. If a man sat down to eat a frog alighted on his plate. If he attempted to put on a shoe it was pre-occupied by a frog. If he attempted to put his head upon a pillow it had been taken possession of by a frog.

Frogs high and low and everywhere; loathsome frogs, slimy frogs, besieging frogs, innumerable frogs, great plague of frogs. What made the matter worse the magicians said there was no miracle in this, and they could by sleight of hand produce the same thing, and then seemed to succeed, for by sleight of hand wonders may be wrought. After Moses had thrown down his staff and by miracle it became a serpent, and then he took hold of it and by miracle it again became a staff, the serpent charmers imitated the same thing, and knowing that there were serpents in Egypt which by a peculiar pressure on the necks would become as rigid as a stick of wood, they seemed to change the serpent into the staff, and then throwing it down the staff became the serpent. So likewise these magicians tried to imitate the plague of frogs, and perhaps by smell of food attracting a great number of them to a certain point, or by shaking them out from a hidden place, the magicians sometimes seemed to accomplish the same miracle. While these magicians made the plague worse, none of them tried to make it better. "Frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt, and the magicians did so with their enchantment, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt."

A MODERN PLAGUE.

Now that plague of frogs has come back upon the earth. It is abroad to-day. It is smiting this nation. It comes in the shape of corrupt literature. These frogs hop into the store, the shop, the office, the banking house, the factory, into the home, into the cellar, into the garret, on the drawing room table, on the shelf of the library. While the lad is reading the bad book the teacher's face is turned the other way. One of these frogs hops upon the page. While the young woman is reading the forbidden novelette after retiring at night, reading by gaslight, one of these frogs leaps upon the page. Indeed, they have hopped upon the news stands of the country, and the mails at the postoffice shake out in the letter trough hundreds of them. The plague has taken at different times possession of this country. It is one of the most loathsome, one of the most frightful, one of the most ghastly of the ten plagues of our modern cities.

PURIFYING THE NEWS STANDS.

Many of the cities have successfully prohibited the most of that literature even from going on the news stands. Terror has seized upon the publishers and dealers in impure literature, from the fact that over a thousand arrests have been made, and the aggregate time for which the convicted have been sentenced to the prison is over one hundred and fifty years, and from the fact that about two million of their documents have been destroyed, and the business is not as profitable as it used to be.

How many of the news stands of our great cities have perished? How has so much of this infamy been killed? By moral sanction? Oh, no. You might as well go into a jungle of the East Indies and put a colt on the neck and with pointed argument try to persuade it that it is morally wrong to break it to sing and to peep at anything. The only answer to your argument would be an uplifted hand and a lie, and a sharp, reeking

enough to carry the beastliness and the profanity which have been gathered up in bad books and newspapers of this land in the last twenty years. The literature of a nation decides the fate of a nation. Good books, good morals, bad books, bad morals.

I begin with the lowest of all the literature, that which does not even pretend to be respectable—from cover to cover a blotch of leprosy. There are many whose entire business it is to dispose of that kind of literature. They display it before the schoolboy on his way home. They get the catalogues of schools and colleges, take the names and postoffice addresses and send their advertisements and their circulars, and their pamphlets, and their books to every one of them.

## SENDING OUT BAD BOOKS.

In the possession of these dealers in bad literature were found nine hundred thousand names and postoffice addresses, to whom it was thought it might be profitable to send these corrupt things. In the year 1873 there were one hundred and sixty-five establishments engaged in publishing cheap, corrupt literature. From one publishing house there went out twenty different styles of corrupt books. Although over thirty tons of vile literature have been destroyed by the Society for the Suppression of Vice, still there is enough of it left in this country to bring down upon us the thunderbolts of an incensed God.

In the year 1863 the evil had become so great in this country that the congress of the United States passed a law forbidding the transmission of bad literature through the United States mails; but there were large loops in that law through which criminals might crawl out, and the law was a dead failure—that law of 1868. But in 1873 another law was passed by the congress of the United States against the transmission of corrupt literature through the mails—a grand law, a potent law, a Christian law—and under that law multitudes of these scoundrels have been arrested, their property confiscated and they themselves thrown into the penitentiaries, where they belonged.

## HOW CAN IT BE FOUGHT?

Now, my friends, how are we to war against this corrupt literature, and how are the frogs of this Egyptian plague to be slain? First of all, by the prompt and inexorable execution of the law. Let all good postmasters and United States district attorneys and detectives and reformers exert in their action to stop this plague. When Sir Rowland Hill spent his life in trying to secure cheap postage, not only for England but for all the world, and to open the blessings of the postoffice to all honest business and to all masses of charity and kindness and affection, for all healthful intercommunication, he did not mean to make vice easy or to fill the mail bags of the United States with the scabs of such a leprosy.

It ought not to be in the power of every bad man who can raise a one cent stamp for a cinder, or a two cent stamp for a letter, to blast a man or destroy a home. The postal service of this country must be clean, and we must all understand that the swift retributions hover over every violation of the letter box.

There are thousands of men and women in this country, some for personal gain, some through innate depravity, some through a spirit of revenge, who wish to use this great avenue of convenience and intelligence for purposes revengeful, sanguinary and diabolical. Wake up the law, Wake up all its penalties. Let every court room on this subject be a Sinai thunderous and allane. Let the convicted offenders be sent for the full term to Sing Sing or Harrisburg.

I am not talking about what cannot be done. I am talking now about what is being done. A great many of the printing presses that gave themselves entirely to the publication of vile literature have been stopped or have gone into business less obnoxious. What has thrown off what has kept off the rail trains of this country for some time back nearly all the leprosy periodicals? Those of us who have been on the rail trains have noticed a great change in the last few months and the last year or two. Why have nearly all the vile periodicals been kept off the rail trains for some time back? Who effected it? These societies for the purification of railroad literature gave warning to the publishers and warning to railroad companies and warning to conductors and warning to newsboys to keep the informal stuff off the trains.

FRED'S MANNA.

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tooth stuck into your arteries. The only argument for a cobra is a shorgan, and the only argument for these dealers in impure literature is the church of the police and bean soup in the penitentiary. The law! The law! I invoke to consummate the work grandly begun.

Another way in which we are to drive back this plague of Egyptian frogs is by filling the minds of our young people with beautiful literature. I do not mean to say that all the books and newspapers in our families ought to be religious books and news-papers, or that every song ought to be sung to the tune of "Old Hundred." I have no sympathy with the attempt to make the young old. I would rather join in a crusade to keep the young young. Boyhood and girlhood I must not be abbreviated. But there are good books, good histories, good biographies, good works of fiction, good books of all styles with which we are to fill the minds of the young, so that there will be no more room for the useless and vicious than there is room for the chaff in a bushel measure which is already filled with Michigan wheat.

## BUITY BY PERNICIOUS READING.

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## "OH!" says some one, "I am a business man, and I have no time to examine what my children read. I have no time to inspect the books that come into my household."

If your children were threatened with typhoid fever, would you have time to go to the doctor? Would you have time to watch the progress of the disease? Would you have time for the funeral? In the presence of my God I warn you of the fact that your children are threatened with moral and spiritual typhoid, and that unless the thing be stopped it will be to them funeral of body, funeral of mind, funeral of soul. Three funerals in one day.

My word is to this vast multitude of young people: Do not touch, do not borrow, do not buy a corrupt book or a corrupt picture. A book will decide a man's destiny for good or for evil. The book you read yesterday may have decided you for time and for eternity, or it may be a book that may come into your possession to-morrow.

## THE POWER OF A GOOD BOOK.

A good book—who can exaggerate its power? Benjamin Franklin said that his reading of Cotton Mather's "Essays to Do Good" in childhood gave him holy aspirations for all the rest of his life. George Washington declared that a biography he read in childhood gave him all his subsequent prosperity.

A clergyman, many years ago, passing to the far west, stopped at a hotel. He saw a woman copying something from Doddridge's "Rise and Progress." It seemed that she had borrowed the book, and there were some things she wanted especially to remember.

The clergyman had in his saddle a copy of Doddridge's "Rise and Progress" and so he made her a present of it. Thirty years passed on. The clergyman came that way, and he asked where the woman was whom he had seen long ago. They said, "She lives yonder in that beautiful house." He went there and said to her, "Do you remember me?" She said, "No, I do not." He said, "Do you remember a man gave you Doddridge's "Rise and Progress" thirty years ago?" "Oh, yes! I remember. That book saved my soul. I loaned the book to all my neighbors, and they read it and were converted to God, and we had a revival of religion that swept through the whole community. We built a church and called a pastor. You see that spire yonder, don't you? That church was built as the result of that book you gave me thirty years ago." Oh, the power of a good book! But, alas! for the influence of a bad book.

John Angel James, than whom England never had a better minister, stood in his pulpit at Birmingham and said: "Twenty-five years ago a lad loaned me an infamous book. He would loan it only fifteen minutes and then I had to give it back; but that book has haunted me like a specter ever since. I have in agony of soul, on my knees before God, prayed that he would deliver me from the memory of it; but I shall carry the damage of it to the day of my death." The assassin of Sir William Russel declared that he got the inspiration for his crime by reading what was then a new and popular novel, "Jack the Sheep." Homer's "Iliad" made Alexander the warrior, Alexander said so. The story of Alexander made Julius Caesar and Charles XII both men of blood. Have you in your pocket, or in your trunk, or on your desk at business a bad book, a bad picture, a bad pamphlet? In God's name I warn you to destroy it.

ANOTHER WAY.

Another way in which we shall fight back this corrupt literature and kill the

frogs of Egypt is by rolling over them the Christian printing press, which shall give plenty of healthful reading to all adults. All these men and women are reading men and women. What are you reading? Abstain from all those books which, while they had some good things about them, have also an admixture of evil. You have read books that had two elements in them—the good and the bad. Which stuck to you? The bad! The heart of most people is like a sieve, which lets the small particles of gold fall through but keeps the great cinders. Once in a while there is a mind like a loadstone, which, plunged amid steel and brass filings, gathers up the steel and repels the brass. But it is generally just the opposite. If you attempt to plunge through a fence of bars to get one blackberry you will get more bars than blackberries. You cannot afford to read a bad book, however good you are. You say, "The influence is insignificant." I tell you that the scratch of a pin has sometimes produced the right way.

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AT LOW PRICES

**COAL!** L.B. GURLEY'S.  
OFFICE, NORTH OF JAIL.  
TELEPHONE, NO. 67.

MY business year ends March 31st, and it is of the Highest Importance that All Persons indebted to me Should Settle before that time, so that I may know whether to continue in business or go elsewhere. This Notice Is For All who owe me and not for another fellow. I shall esteem it a favor if any person has an account against me to present it at once.

S. E. DWOLFE

DRASSMAKING—Mrs. Wm. Murphy and Mrs. Waterman have opened a drassmaking shop over the People's Store, and those who want anything done in that line to give them a call. 9216

FOR RENT—Furnished or unfurnished rooms, opposite postoffice. Enquire at Marion Bazar. 7414

FOR RENT—Dwelling house on east South street, \$83 per month. Enquire of Geo. D. Copeland, over Marion County Bank. 6716

FOR RENT—House on west Center street, now occupied by Geo. E. Bishop. Enquire of Mrs. E. S. Barnard, 363 west South street. 716

FOR RENT—House on Mt. Vernon avenue. Enquire of Chas. Lotze. 9216

FOR RENT—April 1st, 1891. 11 room dwelling house, well located, on east South street; large cemented cellar, water, well, etc. etc. 9216

FOR RENT—A good house in west Marion, near the shops for \$100 per year payable monthly. Possession given immediately. Call on H. Ackerman, music store. 9116

FOR RENT—A good house of seven rooms, good well, etc. and all conveniences. Enquire of Mrs. E. S. Bishop, 201 south East street. Also furnished rooms for rent. 7016

FOR SALE—One house and lot in Loveland; one house and lot, 87 1/2 feet front on north Main street. Price low before April 1st. Mrs. MARY COPELAND.

FOR SALE—Very desirable residence on west South street, east of and near the corner of Orchard street. For further particulars see D. B. MORRILL.

LOST—On Saturday, a pocketbook containing \$15 in money and papers. It will return the papers to George Beckrich, through the postoffice or other wise, he will be welcome to the cash as a reward. 11

**D.M. ODAFFER & CO.**  
(Successors to Odaffer & Hinds).  
Opposite Court House, Center Street.  
Druggists, Booksellers  
and Stationers.

Cunningham, the plumber.  
See H. N. Love for fire insurance.  
Fresh celery at J. W. Thew's. 9112  
See Vaughan & Allen for plumbing.  
Buy your dry goods at Frash's closing out sale.

For sale, real estate in all parts of the city by L. L. Kellers. 8216

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Remember, everything must be sold regardless of cost. The chance of a lifetime to buy dry goods cheap is at Frash's closing out sale.

## Spring Jackets.

A splendid line of Spring Jackets from the largest and best cloak house in America can be seen, for a few days only, at

**D. A. FRANK & CO'S,**  
White Front,  
Masonic Block

Geo. Rice, of Mark street, is reported quite sick.

James McWilliams, east of town, is on the sick list.

Mrs. Cora Jacobs, spent Sunday with friends in Galion.

Wallace Gregory made a business trip to Prospect today.

Trent Kerr was at Youngstown over Sunday, on a visit with friends.

Mrs. Mary Morrison, of Urbana, is the guest of friends in this city.

J. E. Rhoades is somewhat indisposed, but is as yet able to be about the store.

Mrs. R. Kelly, who has been quite sick for some time, is improving rapidly.

A quiet little wedding is to take place on east South street Wednesday evening.

Dr. and Mrs. White, of Columbus, spent Sunday with Ira Uller and family.

Willie Monnett, of Bucyrus, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. James G. Gregory.

Alfred Reinack, of Petersburg, Va., is on a visit here, with the family of G. Rosenberg.

Mrs. W. C. Rapp has been quite sick for the past few days, but is now able to be around again.

Mr. Reed, of Ottawa, Ohio, who has been the guest of his brother, Frank, returned home this morning.

C. A. Allen, superintendent of the N. Y. P. and O. division of the Erie, was in this city a short time today.

Charles Foster, residing on Windsor street, is suffering from sciatica, as a sequel of a tedious spell of fever.

Mrs. Warrington, an aged lady living on Cherry street, has been very sick for the past week, with la grippe.

Mrs. Nebergall and son, James, are away on Park street, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stoll, in Green Camp.

What important bills have been before the present Congress.

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If 300 rats can kill 300 rats in 300 minutes, how many rats can kill 100 rats in 100 minutes?

Commercial Men, Attention.

You can save money by purchasing one of the new Buckeye interchangeable mileage books issued by the Columbus, Hocking Valley and Toledo Key. They are good over twelve different roads and at the low rate of twenty cents each. For particulars inquire of agents of Buckeye Key, or address W. H. Fisher, general passenger agent, Columbus, O.

TOURISTS.

We offer on pleasure bent or business, should take on every trip a bottle of Syrup of Figs, as it acts most pleasantly and especially on the kidneys, liver and lungs, preventing fevers, headaches and other forms of sickness. For sale in 16 oz. & 1/2 bottles by all leading druggists.

NOTES, I. O. O. F.

All members of Kosciusko Lodge, No. 55, I. O. O. F., are requested to be present next Monday evening, as important business will be transacted.

I. M. MERSCHVITZ, N. G.

J. M. BREWER, Secy.

Elks' Rehearsal.

There will be a full rehearsal of the Elk entertainment at Music Hall this evening at 7 o'clock sharp. All those who take part must be present, as all parts are to be rehearsed.

Elks' Rehearsal.

### TEACHERS TESTS

A Class of Sixty-four before the County Examiners.

### PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.

What two acts constitute respiration?

What is asphyxia?

What are the cilia?

How much does the temperature of the body vary in health?

What is the pylorus?

How do you prevent disease?

### GRAMMAR.

Parse emphasized words:

Ha! laughs't thou, LOCHIEL, my vision to scorn?

Proud bird of the mountain, thy plume shall be roun!

so, rushed the bold eagle exultingly forth,

From his home in the dark rolling clouds of the north?

To the death shot of foemen out-speeding me.

Companionsless, bearing destruction ahead,

But down let him stoop from his harve on high!

Ab! home let him speed for the spoiler is nigh.

### HISTORY.

Give the colonial career of Pennsylvania.

Name the results of the civil war.

To what class does the government of the United States belong? Describe it.

What constitutes the President's cabinet? What is the function of the cabinet?

Compare the settlements of Jamestown and Plymouth.

Give the name and date of the territorial acquisitions to the United States.

How does a territory become a State?

Name three prominent Generals Union and Confederate, in the civil war.

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